

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-29. (cancelled)

Claim 30. (previously presented) A glove for goalkeepers which includes:

- a) an inner hand part, which substantially covers at least the inner side of a hand;
- b) at least one outer hand part which at least substantially covers the outside of the hand;
- c) wherein the inner hand part is of one-piece;
- d) wherein the inner hand part has a thumb area which encloses the thumb;
- e) in which the thumb area possesses an inner thumb area and an outer thumb area, which are connected as a single piece by means of a transition area, and a tip region associated with the tip of the thumb, as well as at least one adjacent edge region associated with a longitudinal side of the thumb, the said thumb areas are bound together with one another; and
- f) wherein the edge regions on which the inner thumb area and the outer thumb area are bound together, are placed on a longitudinal inner side of the thumb area, which is proximal to the index finger part of the inner hand part of the thumb area.

Claim 31. (previously presented) A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with Claim 30, wherein said transition area between the inner thumb and the outer thumb area is placed at a longitudinal outer side of the thumb area, which is remote from an index finger area of the inner hand part.

Claim 32. (currently amended) A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with Claim 30, wherein the inner thumb area and the outer thumb area are ~~essential~~ essentially congruent.

Claim 33. (currently amended) A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with Claim 30, wherein the thumb area, especially in the transition area, between the inner thumb area and the outer thumb area, possesses at least one predetermined, ~~particularly impressed,~~ folding edge.

Claim 34. (previously presented) A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with Claim 30, wherein the inner hand part consists of a latex material.

Claim 35. (previously presented) A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with Claim 30, wherein the inner hand part consists of a material based on synthetic rubber.

Claim 36. (previously presented) A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with Claim 30, wherein the inner hand part and the outer hand part are bound together along their edges.

Claim 37. (previously presented) A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with Claim 30, wherein the inner hand part and the outer hand part are bound or stitched together along their edges by means of at least one separate side piece or strip therebetween.

Claim 38. (previously presented) A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with Claim 30, wherein the outer hand part is designed as a single piece.

Claim 39. (previously presented) A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with Claim 30, wherein the outer hand part includes a reinforcement which is overlaid and which is especially designed as a flat piece and which is slightly smaller than the outer hand part and exhibits a greater rigidity than does the outer hand part.

Claim 40. (currently amended) A glove for goalkeepers which includes:

- a) an inner hand part, which substantially covers at least the inner side of a hand, including the index and middle fingers;
- b) at least one outer hand part which at least substantially covers the outside of the hand, including the index and middle fingers;
- c) wherein the inner hand part is of one-piece;
- d) wherein the inner hand part has a thumb area which encloses the thumb; ~~and~~
- e) wherein the inner hand part possesses an extension which projects from the thumb area, and which said extension covers an area behind the thumb ~~area-~~ area; and

f) wherein the inner hand part and the outer hand part are stitched together by means of a single continuous and peripherally-running seam, which said seam is preferably essentially in one plane, which seam extends itself also over the said edge of the extension and connects the extension with the outer hand part of the side piece respectively.

Claim 41. (previously presented) A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with Claim 40, wherein an edge of the extension of the inner hand part forms a prolongation of the outer edge of the index finger area which is remote from the middle finger area, so that at the index finger side and the thumb side of the inner hand part, a continuous and even edge of the border of the inner hand part is formed.

Claim 42. (cancelled)

Claim 43. (previously presented) A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with Claim 30, wherein the inner hand part between the index finger area and the thumb area exhibits a recess.

Claim 44. (currently amended) A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with ~~Claim 30~~ Claim 40, wherein the inner hand part between the index finger area and the thumb area exhibits a recess and on the edge area of the recess an edge region of the extension is stitched.

Claim 45. (currently amended) A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with ~~Claim 30~~ Claim 40, wherein the inner hand part between the index finger area and the thumb area exhibits a recess and on the edge areas of the recess an edge region of the extension is stitched, forming a single seam with the thumb area.

Claim 46. (previously presented) A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with Claim 40, wherein said extension being connected to the thumb area side remote from the inner thumb area but contiguous with the outer thumb area.

Claim 47. (previously presented) A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with Claim 40, wherein said extension covers an area on

the side remote from the palm area in the direction toward the back-of-hand-bone belonging to the index finger.

Claim 48. (previously presented) A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with Claim 30, wherein said thumb areas are connected with one another by stitching.

Claim 49. (previously presented) A process for the manufacture of a goalkeeper's glove, wherein said process has the following steps:

- a) the making available or the manufacture of an outer hand part;
- b) the making available or the manufacture of an inner hand part, which is designed as a flat, one-piece item having pre-finger areas, a palm area and a thumb area contingent with the said palm area, which said thumb area includes an inner thumb area and an outer thumb area connected to the said inner thumb area by a transition area;
- c) the making of a closed thumb area from the inner hand part by uniting of the inner thumb area and outer thumb area on their edges which lie outside of the transition area;
- d) wherein the inner thumb area and the outer thumb area, prior to the binding or connecting or the stitching, are bent over in the transition area or bent, and are overlapped or laid one upon the other; and
- e) wherein the inner hand part is additionally provided with an extension, wherein the extension, upon the production of the closed thumb area, on one hand side is stitched at an edge with the inner hand part underneath the index finger area, and on the other hand side, the said extension is stitched at a contiguous edge with the outer hand part or the side part.

Claim 50. (previously presented) A process in accordance with Claim 49, wherein the inner hand part and the outer hand part are connected together along the edges.

Claim 51. (previously presented) A process in accordance with Claim 49, wherein the inner hand part and the outer hand part are connected together along the edges by means of at least one side piece.

Claim 52. (previously presented) A process in accordance with Claim 49, wherein the inner thumb area and the outer thumb area are stitched together by a single, continuous seam along the tip area and along a contiguous edge.

Claim 53. (previously presented) A process in accordance with Claim 49, wherein the inner hand part is made by cutting out of flat work piece.

Claim 54. (currently amended) A process in accordance with Claim 49, wherein the inner hand part is composed of flexible material which has a grippable surface ~~and/or~~ of latex ~~and of~~ and/or synthetic rubber.

Claim 55. (previously presented) A process in accordance with Claim 49, wherein said uniting of the inner thumb area and the outer thumb area is made by stitching together.

Claim 56. (previously presented) A process in accordance with Claim 49, wherein said bending of the inner thumb area and the outer thumb area is made along one of impressed folding edges lines.

Claim 57. (previously presented) A process in accordance with Claim 49, wherein said extension is attached to the outer thumb area and/or stitched at a recess.

Claim 58. (previously presented) A process in accordance with Claim 49, wherein said stitching of the extension being with the same seam or the same stitching step as in the case of the stitching of the inner thumb area and the outer thumb area.

Claim 59. (previously presented) A process in accordance with Claim 49, wherein said extension is so stitched as to form the same seam with which the outer hand part or the side part or parts are stitched in the remaining areas.